



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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REVISED MINUTES OF THE 664th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 664th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on July 21, 2005, in Room 140 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those in attendance follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bertrum M. CeDillos, Chair
Clifton Albright, Vice Chair
Nelson L. Atkins
Walter P. Coombs
Andrew Friedman
Ann Jackson
Thomas J. Jeffers
Neal Millard
Carol Rose
Robbi J. Work

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Lee Kanon Alpert
Walter Coombs
William J. Galloway
Janice Kamenir-Reznik
Sylvia Scott-Hayes

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, LA City Attorney's Office
Laura Green, LA County Public Defender's Office
Larry Mason, LA County District Attorney's Office
Lt. Steven Biagini, LA County Sheriff's Department
Honorable Dennis P. Zine, Independent Cities Association

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Darby Chen, Superior Court
Bea Dieringer, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Dr. Margaret Little, Superior Court
Honorable John H. Sandoz, Superior Court
Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court
Pat Zabaro, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

GUESTS:

Julie Guest, Junior League of Los Angeles
Tut Hayes

STAFF

Dedie Ward
Audra Galang

CALL TO ORDER

Chair CeDillos called the 664th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) to order at 12:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Neal Millard was asked to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions of the Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, Staff and Guests followed.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair CeDillos welcomed and introduced the newest member of the Commission, Andrew Friedman, appointed by Supervisor Zev Yarowslavsky from the 3rd District, and regretfully announced that Commissioner Janice Kamenir-Reznik has resigned from the Commission due to her recent appointment to the Child Support Advisory Board.

Chair CeDillos reported that he attended the Grand Opening Ceremony for the West District, Airport Courthouse Child Waiting Room on July 14, 2005. Commissioner Jackson was also in attendance and received recognition along with Margaret Little and Zoe Venhuizen, for their dedication and efforts to ensure that the waiting room was realized. The ceremony was well attended and the waiting room artfully designed and equipped to appeal to children. Also in attendance were families, Court representatives, the Assistant Presiding Judge J. Stephen Czuleger, Honorable Linda K. Lefkowitz and Deputy Wendy Tait representing Supervisor Yvonne Burke.

Chair CeDillos also reported that he recently met with some of the Board of Supervisor's Chiefs of Staff and was advised that they anticipate new legislation will be introduced for the allocation of funds for a bond issue to replace some of the dilapidated courts, and the Commission may be asked to assist with this issue.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF LOS ANGELES, JULIE GUEST

Chair CeDillos and Commissioner Jackson made a special presentation to Ms. Julie Guest, President of the Junior League of Los Angeles. Ms. Guest was presented with a crystal award for the Junior League's support and participation as financial sponsors for the West District, Airport Courthouse Child Waiting Room.

Commissioner Jackson stated that the Junior League of Los Angeles, under the leadership of Ms. Guest, was the first organization to donate funds to the Judicial Procedures Commission's Donation Trust Fund and the Commission is most appreciative. Karin Davalos, President of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women has also donated \$1,000 to the Donation Trust Fund towards the next project of the Committee.

A member of the public, Mr. Tut Hayes advised that there may be some fire code violations at the Airport Courthouse relating to the doors leading to the rooftop heliport. Mr. Hayes stated the doors are usually locked which may jeopardize the safety of the children in the waiting room should they need to use the roof access to evacuate the building during an emergency. Chair CeDillos commented that the structure has the

latest in state-of-the-art equipment and technology and is certain that the facility emergency coordinators are competent and quite capable to follow the prescribed evacuation procedures in an emergency.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2005

On motion of Commissioner Jeffers, seconded by Commissioner Rose, and unanimously carried, the Minutes for the meeting of June 16, 2005 were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

Update on Status of Child Custody Exchange

Pat Zabaro, CCJCC, reported that Peggy Shuttleworth has been in contact with the Violence Against Women Coordinator and received word that the Committee will be receiving a grant which may be issued during the next Federal fiscal period which begins October 1, 2005. In the interim, the Committee will be developing operational procedures and performance evaluation strategies for the proposed exchange sites. After one year, if the program proves successful, the Committee will explore the feasibility of seeking additional grant funding to sustain the two exchange centers for another year and also to expand the program to other sites.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Chair CeDillos opened the meeting for a special roundtable discussion with Commissioners and Ex Officio members expressing possible future topics for speakers to address at upcoming Commission meetings as special presentations. Chair CeDillos stated that he would develop a list and find presenters to address the topics.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tut Hayes also spoke about the recent movement to close or reduce the hours of operation at Law Libraries in Los Angeles County; cited the Supreme Court determination that established pro per and pro se practices; and stated that everyone has a fundamental right to represent themselves in a court of law, and avail themselves to the legal resources at County Law Libraries. Mr. Hayes also spoke about the conditions he witnessed during his incarceration at the Los Angeles County jail.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

(The next meeting of the Judicial Procedures Commission is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2005)